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DIGNITY IN SCHOOLS NEW YORK

A BUDGET FOR SAFE & JUST NYC SCHOOLS

Dignity in Schools Campaign-NY (DSC-NY) is a coalition of NYC public school students, families, educators, and advocates organizing for a FY2026 city budget that ensures every young person—regardless of which neighborhood they live in or school they attend—has access to safe and thriving school communities. **Read our demands in full at bit.ly/DSCFY26DEMANDS.**

1. EXPAND SCHOOL-BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS

✚ $80M directly to 500 high schools to hire school-based Restorative Justice Coordinators.

✚ $75M directly to schools to hire 500 community members into supportive positions.

✚ $16M directly to schools to:
- Transform all middle and high school Deans into restorative positions ($4M)
- Access ongoing restorative justice trainings for all school staff ($5M)
- Create and compensate Youth-Adult Restorative Practices & Equity Teams ($2M)
- Fund restorative justice electives, clubs, and/or advisories ($2M)
- Sustain paid opportunities for young people to lead restorative justice practices ($3M)

2. PROTECT AND BASELINE CRITICAL PROGRAMS CURRENTLY FUNDED WITH EXPIRING CITY DOLLARS

✚ $12M to protect and baseline funding for School-Based Restorative Justice

✚ $5M in baseline funding for the Mental Health Continuum

✚ $4M in baseline funding for immigrant family communications and outreach

3. REDIRECT MONEY AWAY FROM POLICING AND SURVEILLANCE

✖ Freeze hiring of school cops and forbid the city to fill for attrition

✖ No NYPD-involved programming during or after school

✖ No funding for new or existing student surveillance and scanning equipment

4. PROTECT THE SAFETY OF IMMIGRANT STUDENTS AND PARENTS

✚ Strengthen Immigration Guidance, School Response, and Federal Preparedness Policies

✚ Offer Comprehensive Training for School Staff, Students, and Families

✚ Strengthen Community and Government Partnerships

✚ Enhance Data Privacy and Security Protections

✚ Pass Intro 798 to eliminate the NYPD's GANG database

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